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Response to non-final Office action under 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Summary of the prosecution

This patent application is the U.S. National Phase of PCT/US99/145,585, filed 6/28/99, which claims priority from U.S. provisional patent application 60/191,130, filed 6/29/98. Claims 1-13 are pending. In his first Office action mailed 10/25/2004, Examiner rejected claims 8-12 under 35 U.S.C. 101 as directed to non-statutory subject matter and under 35 U.S.C. 112, first and second paragraphs, and objected to claims 5-7 under 35 C.F.R. 1.75(c) as having improper forms for multiply-dependent claims. Examiner further rejected claims 1-13 (sic) under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. patent 5,870,561, Jarvis, et al., *Network traffic manager server for providing policy-based recommendations to clients*, filed Mar. 15, 1996 and issued Feb. 9, 1999, henceforth "Jarvis". Applicants amended their claims to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 101, traversed the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, and traversed the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102(e). Applicants further amended claim 1 to clarify it and added a new claim 13 dependent from claim 1.

In a second non-final Office action mailed 4/5/05, Examiner set forth new grounds for rejection as follows: Claims 8 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph as not satisfying the best mode requirement, as failing to comply with the enablement